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Jacksonville State to return to ASUN Conference

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Jacksonville State will bring its conference affiliation close to home, with the Atlantic Sun Conference announcing Friday the Gamecocks will join beginning with the 2021-2022 athletic season.

After an 18-year stay in the Ohio Valley Conference, the Gamecocks will rejoin the ASUN, the league that was its first Division I conference home. The conference change takes effect July 1, 2021.

ASUN announced Friday an expansion that includes JSU, Eastern Kentucky, Central Arkansas and welcomes nine other teams making the conference total up to twelve teams.

“This is an exciting day for Jacksonville State University, for our student athletes, for our alumni and for our fans,” Jacksonville State President Don Killingsworth said. “When the opportunity to discuss reviewing our relationship with the ASUN Conference was presented to us, it was one we definitely were eager to explore, and we could not be more thrilled that it worked out the way it has and that Jacksonville State University will rejoin the conference that was so instrumental in our move to Division I over 25 year ago.”

The conference also announced that it plans to add FCS football to the league's list of sponsored sports for the first time in the conference's 43-year history.

The addition of football in the same conference gives the league something it did not have when JSU left to join the OVC in 2003, allowing the Gamecocks to play football in the same conference as its other sports. This will make ASUN the 15th NCAA Division I Conference to sponsor FCS Football.

"What a great day for Jacksonville State University and Gamecock Athletics," JSU Athletics Director Greg Seitz said. "Last fall, the ASUN Conference reached out to us to gauge Jacksonville State's interest in returning to the league that was our first conference home when we moved to Division I in 1995. When learning of ASUN's plan to start football and the vision of Commissioner Ted Gumbert and the ASUN President's Council to build the premiere football conference in the FCS from ground up, that was an opportunity that we as a University and Athletics Department wanted to be a part of."

With the addition of Central Arkansas, Eastern Kentucky and Jacksonville State, the ASUN conference expands its geographic footprint to seven states: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Tennessee, and Virginia, featuring 12 of the top 80 media markets in the nation and seven in the top 50.

JSU loosens COVID-19 restrictions

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Luke Reed, *Correspondent*

Jacksonville State University's Dean of Students Office announced in an email on Wednesday that the COVID-19 Response Policy level has been updated from stage three (orange) to stage two (yellow) for student organizations and housing operations.

JSU's COVID-19 Response Policy includes four precaution levels designed to respond to “the issues and uncertainties associated with the COVID-19 pandemic, provides pertinent information and resources, and outlines our tiered response for housing and student organizational events.”

For housing, visitation is now limited to only enrolled JSU students, with only one visitor allowed per person in the residence halls on-campus. Since Jan. 8, housing visitation has been limited to residents.

Students will still be required to complete their JSU Healthcheck and present their Healthcheck passport prior to entering the residence hall.

Student organizations will still be required to submit a COVID-19 Event Consideration Guide to the Dean of Students Office, but in-person activities are now capped at fifty and events may be hosted with alcohol.

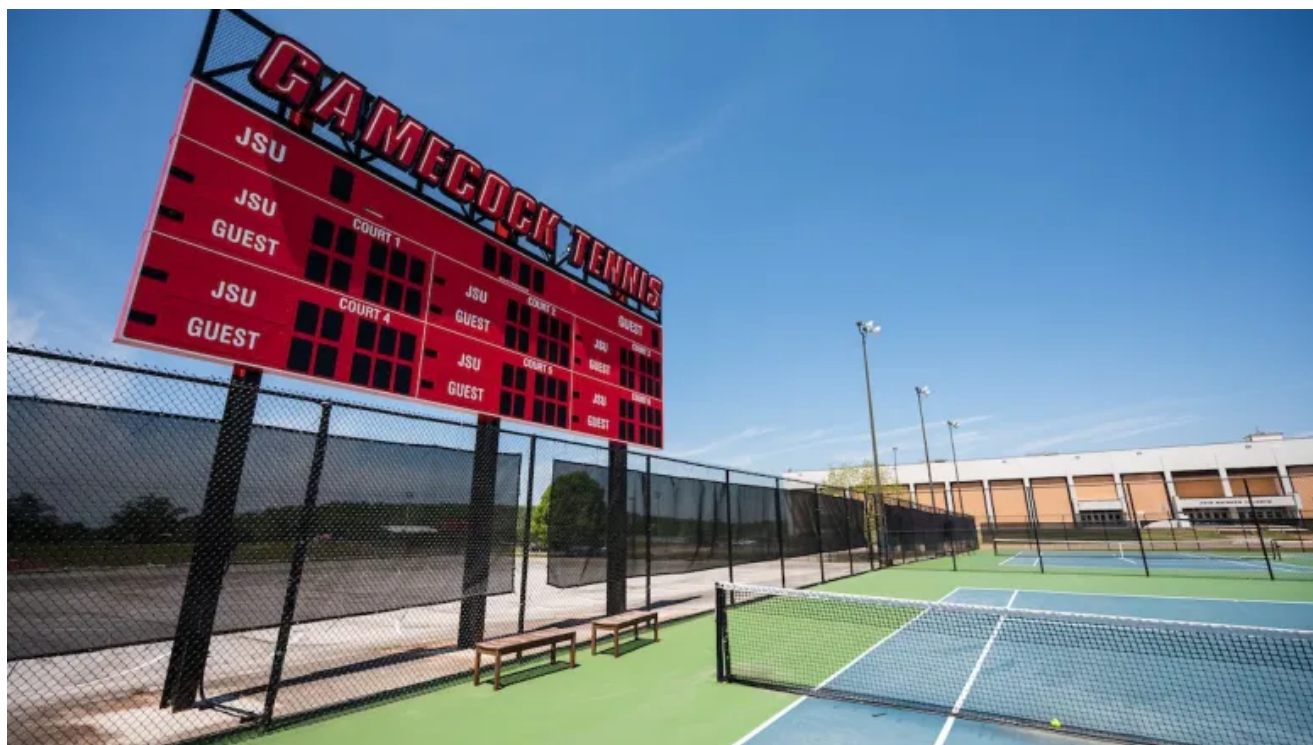
These organizational policies apply to on- or off-campus JSU organizations and activities.

Jacksonville State University is monitoring 39 active cases of COVID-19, as of the COVID-19 dashboard's most recent update on Jan. 26.

JSU tennis kicks off spring season

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Jada Hester, *Correspondent*

The Jacksonville State University tennis teams have begun competing once again after a hiatus prompted by COVID-19.

After the Ohio Valley Conference put matches on hold on March 12 of last year, JSU postponed the fall season due to the new coronavirus protocols.

“First match there were a lot of nerves, both good and bad, and unfortunately we have had only two weeks together to prepare for a very good West Alabama team,” said JSU tennis head coach Mike Mucci.

Uncertainty aside, Mucci feels that JSU’s tennis program and its “culture is moving in a positive direction.”

“Despite some late injuries and some bad luck with weather leading up to the match, the girls fought and we came within points of beating a very well-coached team.”

The Jacksonville State women’s tennis team began their 2021 season on Saturday, Jan. 23 when they played a match against West Alabama. Despite suffering a 4-3 loss, the women have 11 non-conference contests to play before they begin their Ohio Valley Conference

matches on March 19.

The men's team was scheduled to play a match against West Alabama on Jan. 23 as well, but it was delayed due to West Alabama's coronavirus protocols. They will have 14 non conference contests before beginning their OVC matches on March 19.

The next Jacksonville State tennis home match is scheduled for Wed., Feb. 3 against Auburn University at Montgomery.

JSU Organization Spotlight: NAACP

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Breanna Hill, *Features Editor*

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, or NAACP, has been an impactful organization at JSU since it was established. The NAACP is a national organization created to fight for civil rights for people of color.

“We look to be positive, strong representations of people of color while working to hear and resolve grievances of students of color,” said Daniel Washington, president of JSU’s NAACP chapter.

The main focus of the organization is to be a safe haven for students of color here on campus. The organization members serve as positive, strong influences while simultaneously taking the time to hear and resolve grievances of students of color.

The organization also makes participating in campus-sponsored events a goal of theirs, and they achieved this by being part of the successful campus-wide voter registration drive. Participation in campus-held events isn’t the only contribution this organization has made.

This chapter of NAACP is a physical representation of positivity that offers inclusive space for students of color. Having this inclusive space allows students to express themselves freely without fear of judgement while also sharing experiences.

The organization currently has fifty members, and is always willing to accept new members. Getting involved is as simple as contacting the membership head or attending events the organization holds.

Meetings are currently being held via Teams every first and third Wednesday of every month at 6 p.m. due to COVID organization restrictions put out by the university.

Despite the restrictions the organization is making the best of it and allowing the smaller committees within the organization to hold gatherings to plan social events. The organization's motto is "When We Fight, We Win."

Gamecocks fall short in second matchup against Morehead State

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Matt Reed, *Correspondent*

The Jacksonville State University men's basketball team lost to Morehead State 85-66 on Thursday, Jan. 28 at Pete Mathews Coliseum, the second loss for the Gamecocks against the Eagles this season.

The now 10-7 Gamecocks held Morehead State tightly in the first period, ending the half at 35-32 with Jalen Finch and Darian Adams as the lead scorers for the Gamecocks. A series of fouls and turnovers early in the second half allowed Morehead State to widen the lead over the Gamecocks.

"They [Morehead State] executed," said head coach Ray Harper. "There were times tonight where I don't know what we were doing. That isn't who we've been the last three games, but we reverted back to that tonight."

On the bench was Brandon Huffman, a senior and most recent OVC Player of the Week who is an asset to the Gamecock offense and a big time scorer this season. Huffman was out with a minor injury and is expected to return to the court in upcoming games.

The Gamecock's loss — and their overtime loss to Eastern Kentucky on Tuesday — give the Gamecocks a 6-5 record in the Ohio Valley Conference, behind Morehead State's 10-2 conference record.

“We’re going to get after it, figure this thing out, and make sure we are better Tuesday night than we were tonight,” said Harper on preparing for the next big OVC game of the season.

The Gamecocks are set to face off against UT Martin tonight at 8 p.m. in Martin, Tenn. The game will be streamed live on ESPN+ and broadcasted on WLJS 91.9 FM, JSU's student-run radio station.

Organization Spotlight: Global Ambassadors

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Breanna Hill, *Features Editor*

Global Ambassadors is a program that began in spring of 2020, with the goal of assisting Jacksonville State international students with all things related to the university, whether it be the programs offered, the surrounding community or just life here in Jacksonville.

One of the biggest contributions that the Global Ambassadors offer deals with prospective international students; the program connects these prospective students with current students. Making these connections can ensure these students and their families are familiar with what Jacksonville State has to offer.

Global Ambassadors participate in an array of events the campus puts on, which then leads to more knowledge and awareness about the organization. A few of the events the ambassador's have participated in are as follows: International Orientation, Open House/Preview Day, Study Abroad Fair, Graduation Reception, International Education Week, United Nations Day Tea, Taster's Fair and the Awards Banquet.

Activities the organization does on a daily basis is constantly changing depending on the semester. They create a goals list each semester and work on achieving them as the semester continues on. This semester, they hope to increase awareness about the Global Ambassador

program, further improve communication skills via the International students, and even recruit more members for the program.

One of the coolest aspects to the program is that each member is assigned a number of prospective international students to communicate with. These members communicate with the prospective students regarding the campus and the community, even going as far as to mention the programs, applications and scholarship opportunities offered here.

The Global Ambassador program contributes plenty to the university, especially the creation of global culture on campus. The program educates the campus community about this global culture and about the international house and what it brings to the table.

The program currently has ten members; getting involved is available at the beginning of each academic year. The program begins recruiting new members, and this process depends on the availability of positions. Applications to join the program will be available at the beginning of the fall 2021 semester.

Meetings of the organization are conducted virtually through Microsoft Teams. These meetings are held biweekly on Wednesdays from 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m., supervised by Chandni Khadka, JSU's director of International House and Programs, and Byron Nichols, Assistant director of International House and Programs.

Jax State's early comeback not enough, falls in overtime to Eastern Kentucky

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Thomas Ashworth, *Correspondent*

On Tuesday night, the Jacksonville State men's basketball team fell to Eastern Kentucky, 86-82, in an overtime loss.

This game was originally planned for Saturday, Jan 30, but was postponed due to COVID-19 protocols. This also marks the second game that the Gamecocks have played in ten days.

It was a rocky start for the Gamecocks, with ECU eclipsing 20 points with 12:52 left in the first half, nine coming from ECU's Cooper Robb. However, a dunk by JSU's Kanye Henry ignited the Gamecocks, scoring 12 straight points.

The Gamecocks were able to significantly trim that deficit, trailing 40-36 at the half.

Despite a strong effort by the Gamecocks, who outscored ECU 37-33 in the second half, a three-pointer by ECU's Wendell Green Jr. took the game into overtime, 73-73. An overtime push by ECU overwhelmed the Gamecocks, ultimately defeating JSU 86-82. This continued ECU's win streak, which now stands at 9 straight wins.

This game featured multiple shifts of momentum passed between both teams. JSU had a 71-63 lead, its largest of the game, after Brandon Huffman's jumper with 5:13 left in regulation time. At that point, JSU had outscored ECU 67-43 since the Colonels' 20-4 start. With another shift of momentum, ECU outscored JSU 23-11 in the game's final 10:13.

"We've just got to be tougher," said head coach Ray Harper. "We've got to play harder and be tougher."

Kayne Henry scored a season-high 22 points for the Gamecocks, while also posting six rebounds. Jalen Finch added 19 points and seven rebounds and Brandon Huffman scored 12 with six rebounds.

"If we competed, had effort, played tough, and just executed we probably wouldn't have dug ourselves into that big of hole," said Jalen Finch after the loss.

For ECU, two players reached 20 points. Wendell Green Jr., who also scored the points that sent the game into overtime, led the team in points with 22, and also posted a team-leading eight assists and seven rebounds. Cooper Robb posted 20 points, three rebounds and three assists.

With the loss, the Gamecocks fall to 10-7 and 6-5 in conference play. JSU will travel to Martin, Tennessee to play UT Martin tonight at 8 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on WLJS 91.9 FM, the student-run radio station of JSU, and streamed on ESPN+.

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'How I'm Feeling Now' is definitely how we're all feeling now

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Jada Hester, *Correspondent*

Like everyone stuck in quarantine due to COVID-19, Charli XCX has been struggling with loneliness and isolation, and her most recent album, “how i’m feeling now,” is a testament to those feelings.

Released on May 15, 2020, this album provides listeners with Charli’s signature electronic club pop, with futuristic vibes and computer glitch-like vocals.

The pandemic is one major reason for so many album releases over the past year, and “how i’m feeling now” emits much of the same sentiment as the others. Artists, much like their fans, miss partying, clubbing, dancing – things that people often do with friends, which aren’t safe during a pandemic.

The mundane parts of life have become too repetitive, and many people have fallen into monotonous routines. Charli was particularly relatable in “anthems” when she sang, “I’m so bored (Woo) / Wake up late, eat some cereal / Try my best to be physical / Lose myself in a TV show / Staring out to oblivion.”

However, some of her songs are about love and Charli’s relationship. “Forever” and “enemy” are tracks dedicated to the singer’s current boyfriend, Huck Kwong, and how difficult long-distance relationships can be.

Prior to the pandemic, the couple were reportedly not doing well, but they have since been living together in L.A. “Forever” in particular discusses how much Charli would still want to be in Kwong’s life, even if they drifted apart: “I will always love you (Love you) / I’ll love you forever / Even when we’re not together.”

Other tracks are simply meant for the dance floor. This is one reason that Charli’s music is not necessarily for everyone – the aggressive beats and live-in-the-moment bassline can be too much.

“Pink Diamond” and “visions” sound as though they belong in a rave, and the artist is obviously missing the party scene, though she may be hiding behind the music.

Some of the lyrics hidden in these tracks don’t precisely correlate with the upbeat tone of the album. In “c2.o,” which sounds just as electronic as her other songs, Charli sings about how much she misses her fans. “I miss them every night / I miss them by my side / Catch my tears when I cry / My clique on me for life.”

The melancholy, lonely lyrics behind such happy music are incredibly relatable as the world continues to navigate COVID-19.

The futuristic and eccentric rhythms were a breath of fresh air near the beginning of quarantine. Though released in 2020, Charli’s *how i’m feeling now* still resonates in the beginning of 2021, and it will likely still inspire fans long after the pandemic is gone.

Jacksonville State hires Greg Harley as new attorney

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Ashleigh Crouch, *Correspondent*

Greg Harley was appointed as Jacksonville State University's new attorney at last week's Board of Trustees meeting, working with the general council in higher education law.

"For the longest time, I was hoping there would be an opportunity to return," said Harley, a 1988 graduate of JSU. "It gave me an opportunity to maybe slow down the pace of life from private practice just a bit, but also serve an institution that I love."

Harley earned his bachelor's degree in finance from JSU and served as vice-president of the student body. He also played for four years on the university's tennis team.

Harley previously worked as a lawyer for 28 years with Burr & Forman, a large regional firm based in Birmingham. There, Harley worked mainly in litigating business disputes and had the opportunity to appear in courts all across the country.

"It was very challenging, but also a lot of fun," he said.

Harley said that he is very happy to be back at his alma mater and anxious to begin work for the university.

“I am so excited about where we are going under the leadership of Chairman Jones, President Killingsworth, and Provost Shelton here at JSU,” he said. “We are going to be the best regional university in the country. All of the ingredients for success are here.”

He also briefly discussed some of the challenges he is anticipating within his new role.

“The main challenge for me going forward is to try to develop a solid foundation in the numerous areas of law that a general counsel at a university like JSU faces,” said Harley. “I was recently part of forming an affinity group of other higher education lawyers in Alabama and I am really excited about collaborating with them on some of the more difficult issues from time to time.”

Harley also attended law school and graduated cum laude from the University of Georgia in 1992. He has frequently written and lectured on civil litigation topics, serving as an adjunct professor at Emory University School of Law in 2019. Harley was also named the 2010 JSU Male Alumnus of the Year. He and his wife Manda, a fellow JSU graduate, have one daughter.

UPD Chief Michael Barton discusses vaccine, plans for the department

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Matt Reed, *Correspondent*

Michael Barton, Jacksonville State's newly-appointed chief of University Police, spoke with The Chanticleer on his plans for the future of the campus police department and department of public safety.

One of Barton's first initiatives as chief will be assisting with the vaccination efforts on campus and in the community. JSU's recent request for the COVID-19 vaccine puts the university in a position requiring a plan to execute the distribution should the Alabama Department of Health grant the request.

"An announcement from the state could come any day or it could not come at all, but it's one of those situations that we want to be prepared for," said Barton. "It's better to be prepared than not, especially if we get that opportunity."

Last month, the university requested 10,100 doses of Moderna's COVID-19 vaccine from the Alabama Department of Public Health. In a town hall on Wednesday, JSU's Chief of Program Operations Jeff Ryan announced plans to host the university's vaccination site at Kennamer Hall.

Barton returned to JSU with over 20 years of experience in public safety and management. He said that the staff at the department have been “very welcoming, supportive and informational.”

Barton, having worked in Calhoun County for several years and collaborated with JSU in the past, has an extensive network within the county that is likely to set him up for success in his new role.

In regard to the duties of campus officers, Barton said their job is to “support student success.” Barton hopes to develop a relationship between the community and law enforcement, one that is grounded in a positive, supportive nature.

“Law enforcement is just as much a responsibility of the community as it is of the law enforcement agency,” said Barton. “It is everyone’s responsibility that if they see something, to say something.”

The University Police Department offers a variety of existing services for students on campus including security escorts, victim services and student resources. The department is located in Salls Hall and can be reached at the non-emergency line 256-782-8888, or at the emergency line 256-782-5050.

Jax State town hall recap: Angle Hall, vaccines, CARES Act funds

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Ally Morrison, *Correspondent*

Jacksonville State University administrators met for a town hall on Wednesday to field questions from the JSU community, where they discussed plans and events for the semester and recapped last week's Board of Trustees meeting.

In attendance were JSU President Don Killingsworth, Provost Christie Shelton, Athletic Director Greg Seitz, Chief of Program Operations Jeff Ryan, Vice President of Finance and Administration Jim Brigham and Vice President of Student Affairs Terry Casey. SGA President Jerod Sharp moderated the forum.

Trustees recap

Killingsworth highlighted the decision of the recent Board of Trustees meeting, including the name change of the Department of Drama to the Department of Theatre and Film.

"That recognizes the current standard and to incorporate the film initiatives that we have going on," said Killingsworth.

The trustees also approved the purchase of the Brookstone Physician Center for \$2.6 million, a facility adjacent to the JSU RMC complex. The purchase of Brookstone was tabled last year, but the university is moving forward with its purchase which “took a lot of negotiating on our end,” according to Killingsworth.

“That property is important for us as we develop our South complex for our School of Health Professions and Wellness,” said Killingsworth. “This has been a priority for us.”

Killingsworth said that the trustees also moved forward with plans to build the Randy Owens Performing Arts Center.

“Additionally, they allowed us to start the design phase for remodeling formerly Wallace Hall,” he said “We look forward to working with Dean Lindblom and School of Science as we move through that process.”

Renaming of Bibb Graves Hall to Angle Hall

After months of discussion amongst JSU administrators and SGA prompted by a student petition, the trustees approved the renaming of Bibb Graves Hall to Angle Hall.

Graves served as governor of Alabama from 1927 to 1935. He was also a grand cyclops of the Montgomery chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, prompting JSU student Matthew Reeves to start a petition to rename the facility after Barbara Curry-Storey, JSU’s first Black student.

However, the university instead awarded the name of the administrative building to JSU benefactors Marcus Angle Jr. and his wife, Mary, who made a private donation to secure the naming rights to the building.

The university will honor Curry-Storey with a marker in front of Angle Hall.

The petition garnered over 3,000 signatures, and led the SGA Senate to unanimously pass a resolution recommending Bibb Graves Hall be renamed. A month later, the Faculty Senate also approved the resolution unanimously.

“I charged the SGA to go and study the names of buildings around campus and come back with recommendations that are offered by the student government,” said Killingsworth.

Killingsworth explained that “it was not an easy decision,” but that the trustees’ goal is to move the campus forward.

“We know this change needs to be made to move forward and have a more unified campus,” he said.

The bust of Bibb Graves will remain in the building and a marker will be placed outside clarifying Angle Hall’s former name, Killingsworth said. He also said that the university is planning to incorporate a fountain in front of the newly-renamed Angle Hall to be called the

“Unity Fountain.”

“What are the plans for the dedication ceremony for Angle Hall and will the event be open to the public?” the first question to Killingsworth read.

Killingsworth said that the dedication ceremony will take place either April 19 or April 20 to coincide with the next trustee meeting.

“The public will be invited,” he said. “So, stay tuned for more details.”

Vaccine distribution on campus

Last month, the university requested 10,100 doses of Moderna’s COVID-19 vaccine from the Alabama Department of Public Health.

“Our plan is to move forward and to establish an operation on campus very quickly,” said Ryan. “We’ve decided that Kennamer Hall, the old weight training facility, is probably where we’re going to be setting this up.”

Ryan clarified that the university will be following vaccination guidelines and prioritization provided by ADPH. Last week, the state announced it will move forward with offering the vaccine to people age 65 and older, teachers, food workers and other essential workers starting Feb. 8.

“When we receive, if we receive our allocation from state public health, we will follow the prioritization scheme,” he said.

CARES Act funding for students

Brigham announced that JSU students will be eligible for CARES Act funding this semester, as with last semester, where many students received \$800 credited to their student account.

The CARES Act — or Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act — was a bill signed into law last year to provide “fast and direct economic assistance for American workers, families, and small businesses,” according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Last year, the university dispersed around \$3 million in direct payments to a “select group of students,” according to Brigham, and another supplemental Act was signed in December to provide JSU with another \$3 million.

“The range for funds for our [full-time] students based on need goes from \$800 down to \$100,” said Brigham. “Our part-time students, it goes from \$400 per student down to \$50 per student.”

Graduate students will be eligible for funding this time around, Brigham said, with a range of \$200 per student to \$100 per student.

Brigham expects the funding to be available to students in the second or third week of February.

JSU athletics; new conference

As for the future of sports, Athletic Director Greg Seitz provided insight into JSU's recent decision to return to the Atlantic Sun Conference after 18 years in the Ohio Valley Conference.

"The university made the decision to leave the Ohio Valley Conference due to geographical reasons, and will continue in July with the ASUN Conference," he said.

Seitz explained that Jacksonville State is the most southern school in the Ohio Valley Conference and that one-way mileage to all OVC schools adds up to 3,996 miles. The new conference brings that down to about 1,300 miles, Seitz said.

Seitz detailed the university will now have the opportunity to play against its biggest rivals, such as Kennesaw State University and the University of North Alabama.

Seitz also said students will now have to claim their tickets to athletic events and games due to the restrictions set in place due to COVID.

"Free of charge, students can claim their tickets to games on their myJSU accounts," he said.

Other updates and announcements

Shelton announced that students will be able to attend the inauguration ceremony of Killingsworth on April 9.

An RSVP for the event is expected to be sent out around Feb. 17, according to Shelton.

Shelton and Casey detailed events taking place on campus the week leading up to the inauguration, which will begin March 28. This will include a campus tailgate for all faculty and staff, a family fun day including a color run for the Jacksonville community and a student-wide community service project with a cookout at the President's house to follow.

Gamecocks welcome Greg Stewart back as defensive line coach

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Matt Reed, *Correspondent*

Greg Stewart, former JSU football defensive coordinator, will return to the field as the defensive line coach in the 2021 spring season.

Stewart, who succeeds defensive line coach William Green, is no stranger to JSU, having been with the Gamecocks now on three occasions. First hired in 1989 as an assistant, then again in 2000 as defensive coordinator for 11 seasons.

Stewart coached through both the Gamecocks' transition from Division II to Division I and the move into the Ohio Valley Conference in 2003.

During his tenure as defensive coordinator, Stewart helped JSU to produce 13 All-American players, 34 all-conference players and six defensive signees to the NFL. He coached the Gamecocks through three FCS Playoff appearances, ranked the program in No. 2 in the FCS for the 2010 season and guided the defense through a 49-48 double-overtime win against Ole Miss.

In the Gamecocks' early OVC years, Stewart's defense led the conference in scoring defense, pass defense, pass efficiency defense, red zone defense and third- and fourth-down conversion defenses multiple times. He was also a part of securing the conference title the first two seasons after the Gamecocks entered the OVC.

After leaving JSU in 2011, Stewart went on to lead the defense at the University of Louisiana at LaFayette, securing two nine-win seasons in a row.

Stewart then spent four seasons at the University of Central Arkansas with a combined record of 33-15 and one conference championship.

In 2018, Stewart returned to Alabama to lead the University of South Alabama Jaguars with a dominating defense in the Sun Belt Conference.

SGA appoints Cindy Lopez as Student Judiciary Advocate

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Miranda Prescott, *News Editor*

The Student Government Association at Jacksonville State University appointed Cindy Lopez as the new Judiciary Advocate during their Student Senate meeting on Monday, Feb. 1.

Lopez is a junior transfer student majoring in political science. She applied for this position to gain experience and to become more involved on campus.

Lopez said that her goals as the new judiciary advocate would be to represent the students, treat each situation that comes her way equally and to show compassion to the students that find themselves needing her assistance.

Upon being appointed, Lopez will serve in this role for the remainder of the 2021 calendar year.

In other business, the Senate:

— Appointed both De’Onta Bush and Sydney Houghton as Student Senators for the remainder of the 2020-2021 term.

— Amended the Code of Laws to prohibit bills from being tabled or postponed beyond the final formal Senate meeting of each year.